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Dear Members of COBI Planning Commission and City Council,

The Bainbridge Island Metro Park and Recreation District appreciates the opportunity to comment on the portions of the proposed update of the COBI Shoreline Management Plan that will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on July 28. Unfortunately, the Park Board has a previously scheduled study session on the Park District's Trail Vision Plan on this same date. For that reason, none of the park commissioners can be present at the Planning Commission's public meeting. I am therefore offering these written comments for your consideration.

On the draft SMP, dated July 25, 2011, the Park District appreciates the willingness of COBI staff and working groups to incorporate many of the Park District's suggestions into this draft. We do have one additional suggestion on 4.13. Archaeological and Historic Resources.

The policies and regulations in 4.13 address requirements to preserve archaeological and historical resources -- but only in the context of new or expanded shoreline use and development. The policies and regulations do not address the potential conflict between projects to restore shoreline ecosystems on the one hand, and state, federal and tribal requirements to preserve archaeological and historical sites and artifacts on the other. For example, some kinds of restoration projects at Blakely Harbor would almost certainly come into direct conflict with the preservation of 19th and 20th century historical sites, as well as preservation of Suquamish trash middens. We urge the Planning Commission and COBI staff to add language addressing such conflicts in 4.13.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to comment.

Lee Cross, Park Commissioner  
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the additional language in "Island Conservancy" clarifying that these are largely publicly owned parks.

Under K. Shoreline Restoration and Enhancement, no mention of need to consider cultural and historical sites in restoration activities. In some cases, state, federal and tribal requirements to preserve historical artifacts and sites may be in direct opposition to proposed restoration of ecologically impaired areas. The importance of these requirements is addressed earlier in A. Archaeological and Historical Resources. This earlier section deals with problems that may arise in connection with shoreline development. It seems likely that similar problems would occur in some instances of shoreline restoration.

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